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AMVETS
National Scholarship
Dr. Aurelio M. Caccamo Family Foundation Memorial Scholarship

(For Veterans, including National Guard & Reserves)
(\$3,000)
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AMVETS is proud to announce the establishment of the “Dr. Aurelio M. Caccamo Family Foundation Memorial Scholarship.” The scholarship is in memory of and honoring Dr. Caccamo, an immigrant to the United States, who gave of himself both in his chosen profession as a physician and in his service to the U.S. Army Reserves.

Two \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded nation wide, per year, for the duration of the grant. The scholarships are for veterans, including members of the National Guard and Reserves, seeking new skills in order to be more competitive in the job market. The one time \$3,000 award may be used for part time or full time undergraduate courses, accredited degree or certificate programs, including online schools.

Biographical sketch of Dr. Aurelio M. Caccamo:

Physician, born in Rome, Italy July 1, 1923. Graduated from medical school in Rome and immigrated to the United States in the early 50's. His primary interest was orthopedic surgery but he was accepted into an anesthesiology residency program in Illinois and upon completion went into private practice at Illinois Masonic, Westlake, Gottlieb, Walther Memorial and Cook County hospitals. Dr. Caccamo loved his adopted country and was drawn to service in the United States Army Reserves, serving in the Special Forces and retired as a Colonel. Following his retirement from the medical profession as an anesthesiologist, he renewed his interest in orthopedic surgery, his first love, and for the last fifteen years of his life, he was associated with the Dept. of Orthopedics at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Dr. Caccamo was also a pilot, owned his own plane and loved to skydive. He loved animals and was supportive of agencies caring for animals, as well as the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago. In 2001, he established a Family Foundation to benefit the charities, organizations and institutions that he came to enjoy and support during his lifetime. Dr. Caccamo died in January 2004.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for veterans/guardsmen/reservists who have exhausted government aid, or who might not otherwise have the financial means to further their education. Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements listed below and submit the completed application postmarked on or before April 15. For questions regarding the application, required documents, or application process, please contact AMVETS toll free at 877-726-8387.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a United States veteran or member of the National Guard or Reserves.
2. Must be a member of AMVETS.
3. Must be a United States citizen.
4. Must demonstrate financial need.
5. Must have a high school diploma or GED. (General Education Diploma)
6. Must agree to authorize AMVETS to publicize your scholarship award, if you are selected.
7. Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment to an eligible program.
8. Must not be in default on a federal student loan.
9. Must not be convicted under state or federal law of sale or possession of illegal drugs.

Completed application and required forms must be postmarked on or before April 15.

Required Materials

1. A copy of the veteran's honorable discharge or a letter from the commanding officer certifying current Guard or Reserve status.
2. Official college transcripts for all courses attempted and any degrees or certificates awarded. If post-secondary credits amount to less than 12 credit hours and high school diploma was awarded within the past five years, a high school transcript must be provided. Transcripts must be in the 4.0 grade scale or if in a different system, translated to the 4.0 scale.
3. A complete and signed copy of the applicant's 1040 tax form must be enclosed. It will be used to verify financial need. If the applicant's name appears on anyone else's 1040 tax form, it too must be enclosed.
4. A copy of the applicant's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
5. Essay (50-100 words) and addressing the theme of how this scholarship will help me:
"This Award will help me achieve my career/vocational goal, which is _____."
(The essay must be written in the space provided on page 3.)
6. Acceptance letter or a letter stating current student status from an accredited program.
7. Proof of expenses (A copy of expenses from the school or program publication will suffice.)
8. A resume detailing military duty and awards, volunteer activities, community services, and jobs held during the past four years.
9. A copy of the AMVETS membership card or complete the application below and return with payment, along with the scholarship application.

Privacy Act Advisory Statement

In the spirit of The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. & 552A, as amended, protecting your privacy is important to us. AMVETS will use the personal information you provide for the sole purpose of evaluating your scholarship application. It will not be shared, sold or otherwise made available to any individual, corporation or organization. Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to provide information could preclude your consideration for this scholarship.

AMVETS Membership Application (For those not currently members)

In order for you to be considered for a scholarship you must be a member of AMVETS. If you are not yet an AMVETS member, please take this opportunity to join. Membership strength helps us in our lobbying efforts on behalf of veterans and the active military, as well as other outreach programs and services. For \$25, you will become an annual member of the fourth largest congressionally chartered veterans' service organization. (For \$150 you can become a Life Member, never having to pay an annual membership registration again.) In addition, you will receive a membership card, a subscription to the AMERICAN VETERAN magazine, and other member benefits for which you may be eligible. So join today!

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Yes, I want to join AMVETS! I certify that I meet the membership requirements –
I have served or am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves, or as a Merchant Marine during World War II.

Name: _____ Male Female
(Last, First, Middle)

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (____)____-____ D.O.B.: ____/____/____ Branch of Service: _____

Date entered: ____/____ Date Discharged: ____/____ Type of discharge: _____

Payment Method: Visa/MasterCard Check/Money Order

Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

AMVETS National Scholarship Program Application

(Please type or print the following information.)

Applicant's full legal name: _____
Last, First, Middle

Permanent mailing address: (Stateside address only.)

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: (____)____-_____

Social Security Number: _____-____-_____ Date of birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____
MM DD YYYY

List in order, beginning with the present year, all schools attended in the last four years:

Name of School	Location	Dates Attended	GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name, address and telephone number of the school you are currently attending, if any:

(Name of school/program)

(Street Address)

(City, state, zip)

(____)____-_____
(Telephone)

High school graduation/GED date: ____/_____
MM YYYY

Name, address and telephone number of school/program accepted to. (**This Scholarship will be applied towards.**)

(Name of school/program)

(Street Address)

(City, state, zip)

(____)____-_____
(Telephone)

Intended major course of study: _____

Date entering/entered school: ____/____/____
MM DD YYYY

“This Award will help me achieve my career/vocational goal, which is _____.”

Please write a short statement, (50-100 words), in the space below:

Financial Status Statement

This statement is to be used to demonstrate your financial resources and financial need.

Name of Applicant _____

Is the applicant independent (residing separately from parents/guardian and earning own living)? Yes No

How many months/years has the applicant been independent? _____

Ages of dependents the applicant is supporting: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___

Family Income

	Name:	Occupation:	Annual Gross Salary:
Student:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Spouse:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Other:	_____	_____	\$ _____

Certification

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that:

- ✓ I am in need of this scholarship aid to continue my education.
- ✓ I will use the proceeds of any scholarship aid received for the payment of tuition, required fees, board, room, required materials or books.
- ✓ The information submitted in this application is complete and correct, and I agree to inform the committee of changes in my financial circumstances.
- ✓ I agree to abide by the rules established by the AMVETS National Scholarship Committee and understand that all decisions rendered by the committee are final.
- ✓

Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

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Financial Status Statement *(continued)*

Yearly Estimated Income:

Tuition and fees from personal savings: \$ _____

Tuition and fees from job or work/study programs: \$ _____

Aid from parents or guardian: \$ _____

Aid from spouse: \$ _____

Loans: \$ _____

Scholarships (only scholarships you have received): \$ _____

Grants: \$ _____

Social Security: \$ _____

Veterans benefits: \$ _____

Welfare aid: \$ _____

Other resources: \$ _____

Total estimated income: \$ _____

Yearly Estimated Expenses:

Please indicate living accommodations:

On-campus housing

Off-campus housing (specify) _____

Tuition and fees: \$ _____

Books and materials: \$ _____

Board: \$ _____

Room: \$ _____

Personal and recreation (including lunches, travel, etc.) expenses: \$ _____

Total estimated expenses: \$ _____

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Total Estimated Income: \$ _____

Difference Needed: \$ _____

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